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Polish Foreign Trade and Finance

POLISH IMPORTS INCREASE -- Robotnik, No 334, 4 Dec 48

From January to August 1948 Polish imports amounted to 2,803,228 tons of various commodities as against 1,791,113 tons in the same period in 1947. Among commodities imported were 17,985 tons of animal products, 463.5 thousand tons of vegetable products, 1,445,645 tons of mineral products, 315,900 tons of chemical and pharmaceutical products, 15,300 tons of hides and leather goods, 86,324 tons of raw textile products, and 20,150 tons of machinery and apparatus.

From January to August 1948, Poland exported 20,777,133 tons as against 12,710,250 tons for the same period of 1947. We exported 85,793 tons of vegetable products and 35,690 tons of animal products. Mineral products, amounting to more than 20,203,000 tons, were the chief export item. We also exported over 109 thousand tons of consumers' goods.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH DENMARK -- Rzeczpospolita, No 347, 17 Dec 48

A trade agreement for 1949 has been signed between Denmark and Poland. Poland will import from Denmark the following: Capital goods, ships, horses, furs, seeds, fish, chemical products, laboratory equipment, and automobiles; and will export to Denmark: coal, chemical articles, iron and metal products, textiles, glass products, and salt.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN ZONE OF GERMANY -- Tydzien Warszawy, No 357, 29 Dec 48

A trade agreement has been signed between Poland and the Western Zone of Germany for the year ending 31 December 1949. The amount of the total trade is expected to be 28 million dollars. Poland will export agricultural products, textiles, and paper. Germany will export equipment, machinery, dyestuffs, chemicals, and machine parts.

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SMALL PORTS HANDLE COAL SHIPMENTS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 356, 28 Dec 48

Small ports on the Pomorze Zachodnie [West Coast] handled over 57,000 tons of export and bunker coal during November, 5,000 tons more than in the preceding month. The port of Ustka led with 27,000 tons, followed by Kolobrzeg with 20,400 tons and Darlowo with 9,600 tons.

DOLNY-SLASK EXPORTS POULTRY -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 319, 8 Dec 48

A poultry enterprise in Dolny-Slask exported 30 thousand kilograms of frozen geese to Czechoslovakia since September; 30,000 geese will be exported to England. Seven tons of goosefeathers are also earmarked for export. One hundred and thirty women are employed in the enterprise.

GDANSK EXPORTS ONIONS -- Robotnik, No 338, 8 Dec 48

The "Warmia" left Gdansk carrying 844 thousand kilograms of onions to England.

EXPORT OF CRUSHED GLASS TO SWEDEN -- Robotnik, No 332, 2 Dec 48

The first shipment of crushed glass in the amount of 5,000 tons went to Sweden in November. Before the war Poland was an importer of this raw material.

GDANSK EXCEEDS DEAL BOARD EXPORT PLAN -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 319, 8 Dec 48

In November the "Paged" in Okaywie in the Port of Gdynia exported 7,200 standards of deal board, or 144 percent of the plan. Since 30 July when the "Paged" lumber base in Okaywie was reactivated a total of 23,000 deals has been exported. It is expected that another 7,000 standards will be exported in December. The port of Gdansk exported deal in excess of the plan or 1,527 standards. Since export was started 2,890 standards have been exported. During the current month, December, Gdansk will send 2,400 standards to England and Holland. Deals imported from Finland are also coming to Gdansk; in November 1,869 standards were received.

TWO POLISH STEAMERS ARRIVE AT GDANSK -- Rzeczpospolita, No 354, 24-26 Dec 48

The Polish steamship, "Krakow," arrived at the port of Gdynia with 1,000 tons of general cargo from Denmark, including Diesel engines, cod liver oil, and Christmas packages.

The Polish steamship, "Tobruk," returned to the port of Gdansk carrying 10,000 tons of phosphates from Algeria.

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